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the Environment; (3) formation and analysis of a data bank for pollen data; (4) analysis of the phasing of changes in oceanic circulation and changes in nearby climate and vegetation patterns on land, by means of a simultaneous study of pollen and planktonic fossils in deep-sea cores; (5) completion of a review and critique of transfer-function methodology; and (6) documentation of sea-level dynamics during the interval 60,000 - 250,000 YBP.

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III. Summary of Results

In previous documents, especially the Semi-Annual Technical Reports No. 2 and 3 submitted in June, 1974, investigators on the ARPA Climate Dynamics Project at Brown have reported in detail their progress towards our stated objectives. In this Final Report, it seems appropriate to review our major accomplishments, and to stress the general impact of our work, beyond the individual papers cited in earlier reports and listed below. Six major accomplishments can be cited:

1. Completion of the first ARPA-CLIMAP 18,000 YBP numerical climate-simulation experiment. This experiment, the concept and design of which originated in discussions among ARPA investigators at Brown and at RAND, was carried out in a unique enterprise which involved more than 100 people; a dozen or more institutions; and fiscal support both by ARPA and by the IDOE/CLIMAP project. ARPA's contribution at Brown was the funding of part of the work of the three principal investigators, whose efforts were central to the experiment. Its contribution through RAND involved the support of the RAND General Circulation Model.

This experiment marks a turning point in the study of the dynamics of long-term climatic change. For the first time a substantial data base was gathered (mainly under the CLIMAP project) to fix the sea-surface temperature pattern during an ice age. This input, together with ice-margin and sea-level data,

form the boundary conditions for the running of an atmospheric model. The model then calculates many elements of the atmospheric circulation which maintained the ice-age climate. The experimental aspect of the project lies in the fact that ARPA scientists at Brown gathered independent data on the actual 18,000 BP response of the atmosphere at point locations over the continent. By comparing the model calculations with independent geological observations, we can in principle confirm or deny the accuracy of the atmospheric model --- and thus get at two fundamental problems: verification of the explanatory power of numerical models of the atmosphere; and discovery of atmospheric mechanisms which maintain our planet's climate in other modes than are known from the past century of instrumental observations.

Thus, in our opinion, the results of the Brown ARPA Climate Dynamics project have a significance beyond that which might appear in a simple listing of our publications. At a conference held at Brown on March 26, 1975, 25 scientists gathered to observe the confrontation of geological data with the calculations of the RAND model. The main results were three: First, the surface temperature calculations of the model appear to be confirmed by geological observations (See Appendix A). Second, the average air-temperature change over the lands during the 18,000 BP ice-age N. Hemisphere summer was about -6.5°C . The

importance of this figure lies in its small magnitude. Considering that the Northern Hemisphere during the last century has oscillated through a range of 1.0°C (annual mean values), the surprise is that an ice-age anomaly should be so small. The general conclusion to be made is that the Earth's climate should be considered in rather sensitive balance. Third, the model precipitation anomaly, at least in its geographic pattern, is not confirmed by geological observation.

2. The principal investigator of the Brown ARPA Project participated during June 1974 in a two-week session, held in the USSR, of Working Group VIII of the US-USSR Bilateral Agreement on the Environment. As a result of these negotiations, a bilateral program of paleoclimatic data exchange was initiated (See Appendix B). The importance of this lies in the need to obtain (for the running and verification of numerical simulations of past climates) better data on the ice-margins and pollen records from the vast interior lands of Russia. Sometime in 1975, or possibly early 1976, a working conference of paleoclimatologists is to be held in Moscow. Hopefully, that conference (which is now being finalized by negotiations of NOAA representatives) will actually materialize. In the meantime, contacts with M. G. Grosswald at the Institute of Geography in Moscow have already borne fruit in the form of more accurate information on the position of ice-margins in Siberia during

the 18,000 BP ice age.

3. The first units of a computer data bank, in which information on modern and fossil pollen are stored, have been completed. This bank has already been drawn upon for two kinds of analysis (See Appendix C). First, the writing of transfer functions which make possible the extraction from pollen data quantitative estimates of past climates. Second, the preparation for publication of several synoptic studies of climate-related changes in vegetation. Up to now, most pollen-based studies of past climates have focussed on down-core examination of single sites. The long-range significance of our program is its emphasis on the discovery and documentation of synoptic patterns of climatic change.

4. Our technique of studying simultaneously pollen grains and planktonic skeletons in the same samples of deep-sea cores has opened the way for a better look at the dynamics of climatic change. In a test study off Cape Hatteras, deep-sea cores were used in this way to obtain evidence on the timing of vegetation changes on land compared to the timing of changes in the position of the Gulf Stream (See Appendix D). Evidence is that the oceanic changes here precede changes in the adjacent continent. Thus encouraged, ARPA investigators at Brown, in cooperation with palynologists at NYU, began a similar study in cores off the coast of California, Oregon, and Washington. Here con-

tinuous vegetation records can be obtained going back about 100,000 years. Again, we are confident that this work will prove to be a springboard for much future research. On April 25, 1975, a conference of 22 investigators was held at Brown to consider the opportunities, assess results to date, and encourage others to adopt the procedure.

5. Investigators on the Brown ARPA Project have played a leading role in development of transfer-function techniques by which geological observations on pollen or marine microfossils in ancient sediments can be translated into quantitative estimates of climatic variables. Early papers by Imbrie and Kipp (1971) and Webb and Bryson (1972), which antedated our Project, initiated a wide and growing effort by many investigators to employ these techniques to document the climatic history of the Quaternary. With ARPA support, we have carried on a systematic analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of transfer function methodology, examined basic assumptions, and carried out algebraic experiments to test the attributes of alternate techniques. One summary paper (See Appendix E) is in press. Another is in preparation by the same authors.

6. Climatic history without an accurate absolute chronology is of little value. Absolute dates based on Thorium-growth methods from fossil reefs on oceanic islands have proved to be the keystone block of our knowledge of the chronology of the climatic

history of the past 250,000 years. Again, Brown investigators played a major role in this area before the ARPA Project here was funded. During the life of our Project here, attention was focussed, first, on improving the accuracy of the chronology; and, second, on extracting information on the rate of change of sea level, hence on the rate of change of polar ice caps. Major results on the first objectives have been published (notably in Bloom et al., 1974) and been reviewed in previous ARPA Reports. As the Project terminated, eight new Thorium dates led to the conclusion that the 60,000-year high stand of the sea is not represented in the Barbados sequence. And the thrust of our work now shifts to the laborious task of improving the accuracy of the Th-230 dating method. Major results of the second objective, previously reported, are that the 125,000-year sea-level high stand lasted not longer than 5,000 years; and was followed by a sea level lowering at a rate of 5-10 meters per thousand years. The dynamics of this portion of the sea-level record are of particular interest, because the climate today is in many respects a duplication of planetary conditions obtaining at 125,000 YBP.

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APPENDIX A

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE HELD AT BROWN UNIVERSITY

MARCH 26, 1975

I. PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS

A. About model skill.

1. Model surface-level air-temperature anomalies over land are in accord with generalized geological expectations; and in the limited number of sites where we can make spot checks, model values are consistent with proxy information.

2. Model precipitation-anomaly patterns and surface-wind maps are not consistent with geological information in a number of areas. This conclusion is in accord with the relatively low level of model skill in simulating these qualities for today's world.

B. About improving verification procedures for the next experiment.

3. First priority should be given to increasing the accuracy and distribution of data from pollen, marine mineralogy, loess, and Indian Ocean sediments.

4. Second priority should be given to opportunities for improving inferences from periglacial features, and for disentangling temperature from precipitation information in snow-line data.

5. Model readout should include moisture-balance maps,

as this quantity better matches the pollen verification data.

6. Wind-roses at least for selected sites south of the ice sheets should be included in model output.

7. The model used to calculate wind maps at the surface should be augmented.

8. Greater attention should be paid by the geologists to the degree to which a site represents a 500-km-size area, for that is the spatial scale of model response.

C. About the 18K world.

9. From the proxy data assembled for verification we have learned from mineralogy that the trade wind belts shift equatorwards about 5° latitude; and from palynology described several spatial patterns of moisture anomaly.

10. From the combined operation of model-input, model-output, and verification, we are developing a solid basis for defining at least the broad outlines of the surface-temperature anomaly of the sea surface and the surface-air temperature anomaly during the last glacial maximum. From this experiment, e.g. an August sea anomaly of 2.3°C corresponds to an atmospheric anomaly over the ice-free land of about 6°C.

II. A summary of the validation phase of the experiment is provided by Tables 1 and 2 on the following two pages.

Table 1. Geographic distribution of sites and site-clusters for which climatic estimates for 18K were compiled by Webb and Krause.

| Region | | Temperature Anomaly | | Moisture Anomaly | Totals |
|-----------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------|
| Continent | Latitude ^a | Annual July | | | |
| N. Amer. | H | 2 | 7 | 10 | 19 |
| | L | 1 | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| S. Amer. | H | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| | L | 1 | - | 3 | 4 |
| Europe | H | 5 | 4 | 5 | 14 |
| Asia | H | 5 | 5 | - | 10 |
| | L | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| Australia | H | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| | L | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| Africa | H | 1 | - | 1 | 2 |
| | L | 3 | - | 5 | 8 |
| Totals | | 20 ^b | 18 ^c | 29 ^d | 67 |

(a) H = > 34° in N. Hemisphere, > 26° in S. Hemisphere
L = between 34°N and 26°S

(b) 12 sites from pollen data

(c) 6 sites from pollen data

(d) mainly pollen data

Table 2. Generalized geologic estimates of maximum-glacial continental climatic-anomaly contained in four well-known summary publications, compared with RAND model calculations.

| Geological Estimates | | | | Model Calculations (N. Hem. summer, S. Hem. winter) |
|---------------------------------|---|-----------|----------------------------------|---|
| Summary Publication | Quantity Estimated | Ref. page | Result (T. decrease in °C) | |
| Flint (1971) | Mean annual T in maritime climates at low altitudes and latitudes | 4 | 3° - 6° | 4° - 8° (a) |
| | Maximum mean annual temperature in continental situations | 4 | 12° or more | 14° (g) |
| | average annual global mean (T) | 441 | prob. not over 7° | 6.4 (b) |
| | Central Europe (T) | 439 | 10° - 14° | 8° - 14° (c) |
| West (1968) | Precipitation reduction in British Highlands | 206 | 20% | 15% (global average) |
| | Mean annual T | 207 | 5° - 8° | 6.4° (b) |
| | Global July T | 197 | > 4.5° (h) | 6.4° (b) |
| Emiliani and Flint (1963) | Central Europe (T) | 897 | 8° - 10° | 8° - 14° (c) |
| | N. Italy (T) | 897 | 9° | 10° (d) |
| | Carpathian Poland | 897 | 13° | 9° (e) |
| Emiliani (1971) | Continental temp. in low latitudes (6°S-27°N) | 186 | 5° - 10° | 5° - 7° (f) |

- (a) Eastern Coast of S. America north of 22°S. Range along Atlantic African Coast is 3° - 9°, with the higher figures at upwelling sites.
- (b) Average over both Hemispheres of ice-free land.
- (c) Over Europe, latitudes 46° - 50°.
- (d) Mean of two points representing Italy.
- (e) If mtn point to east is averaged = 11.5°
- (f) Range of averages of corresponding latitude circles.
- (g) Maximum N. Hem. value away from high mtns.
- (h) A minimum estimate calculated from an average snowline-lowering of 760 m; lapse rate of 0.6°C per 100 m; and the assumption that precipitation did not change.

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APPENDIX B

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THE FIRST SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP VIII
ON THE INFLUENCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES
ON CLIMATE

10 - 21 June 1974
Leningrad

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1974

REPORT OF THE FIRST MEETING OF WORKING GROUP VIII
(INFLUENCE OF ENVIRONMENT CHANGE ON CLIMATE) -
FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE UNION OF SOVIET
SOCIALIST REPUBLICS ON COOPERATION IN THE PROTECTION
OF THE ENVIRONMENT

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The first meeting of Working Group VIII was held in Leningrad on June 10-21, 1974, as agreed to at the November 16, 1973 meeting of the Joint Committee. The participants in this meeting from both the U.S. and the USSR are listed in Appendix A. Plenary sessions were held on June 10-12 and June 19-21. Details of the agenda, including subjects and authors of formal presentations, are given in Appendix B.

During the period June 13-18, members of the American delegation visited Soviet institutions and observatories in Moscow, Novosibirsk, Kiev, Crimea and the northern Caucasus. There were also visits to a number of institutions in Leningrad during the first period of the meeting. The institutions visited by the American delegation are listed in Appendix B.

1.2. Working Group VIII, by decision of the Joint Committee, is divided into three projects. To facilitate discussion, the projects have been organized into six subgroups as follows:

Project 1. Joint studies of the effects of changes in the heat balance of the atmosphere on climate.

- a. Subgroup 1 - The influence of changes of solar activity on the climate.
- b. Subgroup 2 - Modelling of the climate.
- c. Subgroup 3 - Assessment of past climates on the basis of the analysis of natural objects and data.

Project 2. Joint studies of the effects of pollution of the atmosphere on climate.

- a. Subgroup 4 - Monitoring atmospheric constituents and assessment of their effects on climate.
- b. Subgroup 5 - The effect of pollution of the upper levels of the atmosphere on climate.

Project 3 (also Subgroup 6). Joint studies of the meteorology and air-sea interaction of polar regions in both hemispheres as they affect the climate of the planet.

There were discussions concerning the need to recommend the reorganization of this Working Group to the Joint Commission. Important considerations for the organization of the Working Group are achieving sufficient disciplinary homogeneity within each project to permit successful collaboration and the recognition of the relationship of this Working Group to other groups established under this and other bilateral and international agreements.

For the latter reason, the work of the Subgroup on polar studies is specifically concerned with problems of climate and not with the broad spectrum of all polar investigations. On the other hand there are aspects of air-sea investigations without which full understanding of the environmental influences on climate cannot be adequately treated.

At the same time, the studies of solar activity on climatic variations use different types of data and analysis and are broader in scope than the work of the other subgroups of Project 1.

For these reasons a recommendation is made to the Joint Committee for reorganizing Working Group VIII. It is realized that this recommendation impacts the interface between the efforts under this bilateral agreement and that on the Study of the World Oceans. It is therefore anticipated that action on this recommendation would require communication between the Joint Committees under the two Agreements.

The following revised structure of Working Group VIII is recommended:

Section 1. Joint studies of the effects of changes of the heat balance of the atmosphere on climate.

a. Subgroup 1 - Modelling of climate.

b. Subgroup 2 - Assessment of past changes of the climate on the basis of analysis of natural objects and data.

c. Subgroup 3 - Interactions of the atmosphere with polar regions and the oceans as they effect climate.

- e) The properties of the climatic models and the limits of their applicability may differ depending on the methods used for parameterization of physical processes in the atmosphere and the number of the feedbacks incorporated. It is necessary, therefore, to formulate the models compatibly to the requirements and to evaluate the limits of model applicability with respect to concrete problems.
- f) Consideration should be given to the possible design, performance, analysis and interpretation of numerical experiments requested by other subgroups in order to assess the role of specific external (man-made) factors effecting the climate.

2.2.2. Data Exchange

Bearing in mind that all the current theories of climate are approximate, it is necessary to check these theories against empirical material before applying the models to calculations of future climatic conditions. For this purpose, short-term seasonal or interannual observations of meteorological elements are needed as well as the data on contemporary climate variations and on climate change in the geological past. The specification of new observational requirements are also needed.

2.2.3 Actions Proposed

A joint symposium on climatic modelling may be convened in Uzbekistan, USSR in 1976.

The United States delegation would like to issue invitations to Soviet scientists to visit the following U.S. institutions for periods of 6 to 12 months. The invitation is offered to the indicated scientist or a colleague to be agreed on by both countries.

- a) To come to the Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Environmental Research Laboratories in Princeton, N.J. (one or two of the visits to take place in 1975).

Professor L.I. Budyko - Climate sensitivity and stability.
Professor K.Ya. Kondratiev - Radiation effects of aerosols
Academician G.I. Marchuk - Numerical integration methods
Professor S.S. Zilitinkevich - Coupled ocean-atmosphere models

- b) To come to the National Center for Atmospheric Research Boulder, Colorado.

Dr. A.F. Treshnikov - Effects of sea-ice
Academician G.I. Marchuk - adjoint methods applied to climatic variations

- c) To come to the University of Washington (Seattle, Washington)

Dr. A.F. Treshnikov - Modelling of ice dynamics

- d) To come to Stanford University, California

Academician Mustel - Problems of solar activity and climate

2.3 Subgroup 3. Assessment of past climates on the basis of the analysis of natural objects and data

2.3.1. Scientific Cooperation

A. Century program (0 - 100 years before present)

This will focus on climatic changes in the period of modern instrumental data, including aerological data for the past 20 or 30 years, and will attempt to document the most recent trends of climate together with environmental changes which may have causal connections with such trends.

- a) Exchange of data, as raw (unsmoothed) time series:

(1) Indices of atmospheric circulation intensity and patterns in the Northern Hemisphere.

- Update of Dzerdzeevskii circulation-type epoch data by the Institute of Geography, Moscow; (Ya. L. Rauner, suggested cooperating scientist).

- Updated series of coefficients of empirical orthogonal functions of monthly mean

- sea-level pressure (by NOAA Environmental Data Service, Washington, D.C.; J.M.Mitchell, jr., suggested cooperating scientist).
- (ii) Regional and hemispheric-scale average values of monthly average climatic parameters in Northern Hemisphere.
- Climatological surface air temperature in the form of digitized grid-point values on I IBM-compatible magnetic tape for the period 1881 to at least 1960 together with related publications (by Main Geophysical Observatory, Leningrad; Ye.P.Borisenkov, suggested cooperating scientist)
 - Updated series (since 1958) of hemispheric circulation statistics, including zonal and meridional wind indices, free-air temperature, geopotential height, specific humidity, kinetic energy, fluxes of heat and momentum (by NOAA/CFDL, Princeton, N.J.; A.Oort, suggested cooperating scientist).
 - Complete digitized "World Weather Records" temperature, precipitation and pressure data, by stations, on magnetic tape for the period from beginning of record at each station to at least 1960 together with related publications (by NOAA Environmental Data Service, Washington D.C.; J.M.Mitchell, jr. suggested cooperating scientist).
- (iii) Exchange climatological data concerning the energy balance of the earth-atmosphere system and its geographical distribution. The USSR side would contribute surface-based data on the components of heat balance. The US side would contribute satellite-based data on the planetary heat balance, including cloudiness.

- (iv) Oceanologic indices of seasonal and year-to-year variations of conditions in the North Atlantic Ocean.
 - Measures of geographical distribution of ocean-surface temperature and heat content of mixed-layer of ocean (by Institute of Oceanology, Moscow; V.G.Kort, suggested cooperating scientist).
 - = Data on oceanic conditions, including monthly average surface temperatures and their variations over a period of many years, for all available locations in the ocean (by NOAA Environmental Data Service, Washington, D.C.; J.N.Mitchell, Jr., suggested cooperating scientist).
- b) Millenium Program (0 - 1,000 years before present)

This will document in greater detail the course of global climate change in earlier centuries, thus lending perspective to the course of climate in the 20th century in the context of historical events including the "Little Ice Age".
- c) Ice-age History Program (0-30,000 years before present, and older)

This will help improve the understanding of the extremes of climate, and of the nature of the transitions of climate, both within and following a major glacial event on earth; and to clarify the geographical pattern of conditions and events during each phase of the glaciation and deglaciation, as needed to evaluate the accuracy of climate simulation models.

2.3.2 Exchange of Data

a) Tree-ring widths

- un-normalized ring-width series from replicated trees in each of 11 or 12 subpolar sites in USSR, from the Finland border eastward to the Kamchatka Peninsula (by the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences,

Kaunas, Dr. Bitvinskas, suggested cooperating scientist; and by the Botanical Institute, Leningrad, Dr. Lovelius, suggested cooperating scientist).

- Ring-width series and detailed information concerning transfer functions relating ring-width series to climate, for any or all of the more than 49 available sites in North America as desired (by University of Arizona, Tucson; H.C.Fritts, suggested cooperating scientist).

- b) Exchange paleoclimatographic data acquired according to the plans approved at the Paleoclimatographic Conference described in 2.3.3.

2.3.3 Action Proposed.

- a) Conference on paleoclimatology*: a technical conference to be held approximately June, 1975; to be organized to accomplish the specific objectives listed below, and to include as many of the cooperating scientists listed below as possible, in addition to other scientists.

| <u>Country</u> | <u>Institution</u> | <u>Suggested Participants</u> |
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* To be held in Russia. See page 25.

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The objectives of the Conference are as follows:

- To plan for the exchange of data on C-14 dated ice-sheet moraines from as many locations as possible in the U.S. and USSR (especially Siberia).
- To plan for the exchange of historical palynological data (samples, pollen counts, C-14 dates, and pollen diagrams) from C-14 dated stratigraphic sections located as widely as possible in the U.S. and USSR including areas well south of areas covered by glacial ice during the Quaternary.
- To plan for the exchange of modern pollen data (samples, pollen counts, geographic locations) from sites distributed as widely as possible in the U.S. and USSR
- To exchange statistical transfer-function techniques designed to extract rainfall and seasonal temperature estimates from fossil pollen data.
- To assess the C-14 dating facilities needed to accomplish the first and second objectives in the U.S. and USSR, and to make appropriate recommendations to insure the needed support.
- To formulate a research plan for acquiring continuous stratigraphic sections (both pollen diagrams from lake cores and soil sequences) covering all or significant

portions of the Brunhes Magnetic Epoch (the past 690,000 years) in the U.S. and USSR at a number of widely-distributed sites.

b) Conference on paleoclimatic modelling: a technical conference to be held in the U.S. in June 1976 or thereabouts, designed to exchange results of experiments simulating selected past climates.

(i) U.S. scientists will present results of numerical experiments aimed at simulating ice-age climates at the last glacial maximum using general circulation models (NCAR, Boulder, Colorado; J. Williams, W. Washington, and R.G. Barry, suggested cooperating scientists. National Science Foundation's IDOE/CLIMAP Project Scientists and other institutions as appropriate)

(ii) USSR scientists will present results of climate-modelling experiments carried on by the Institute of Geography, Moscow (I.P. Gerasimov, suggested cooperating scientist) and by the Main Geophysical Observatory, Leningrad (M.I. Budyko, suggested cooperating scientist). In addition, information on ice-age climate in the oceans will be presented by the scientific staff of the Institute of Oceanology, Moscow (A. Lysitsin, suggested cooperating scientist) and other institutions as appropriate.

c) Exchange of scientific personnel.

Each country shall have the right to arrange for working visits of up to a total of 6 man-months duration per year by up to 3 scientists. Soviet institutions open to visitation shall include the Institutes of Geography, Geology, and Oceanology in Moscow, the All-Union Geological Research Institute in Leningrad and in Novosibirsk, and the Siberian Branch of the USSR Academy of Sciences in Novosibirsk. U.S. institutions open to visitation shall include those listed under 2.3.3. above.

PROJECT 2. JOINT STUDIES OF THE EFFECTS OF POLLUTION OF THE
ATMOSPHERE ON CLIMATE

2.4. Subgroup 4. Monitoring atmospheric constituents
and assessment of their effects on
climate

2.4.1. Scientific cooperation

- a) At present, the USA has 4 baseline stations and 10 regional stations with 2 additional baseline stations planned for the future. The USSR has 1 baseline station and 5 regional stations. It is desirable to enlarge the network of stations and to expand their geographical location. The respective networks should be expanded as soon as feasible and largely completed by 1980.
- b) Both countries will provide for the accomplishment of measurements within the WMO program (aerosol chemistry based on the study of the atmospheric turbidity, rain chemistry and CO_2). Additional measurements beyond these minimum requirements are also being made others are planned.
- c) Both countries should develop methods of measurement and systems of calibration for carbon dioxide, ozone, and atmospheric turbidity (and other optical properties) at the baseline stations and exchange the experience gained and the data from such work.
 - (1) The US would provide a surface ozone measuring system for operation at a USSR remote Observatory. The exchange would be phased as follows:
 - 1974 - one electrochemical concentration cell system
 - 1975-76 - one chemiluminescence (ethylene reaction) system.
 - One precision ozone generator.

D) Meeting of Experts to Prepare Data Base of the Recent Climate

This group would recommend how the data base discussed in Section 2.2.2 should be structured, the parameters to be included, their resolution in space and time, the level of preprocessing of the data and their statistical treatment. The group would also recommend how such a data base should be compiled and an appropriate division of responsibility with due recognition of the need for full international cooperation to achieve global data sets and the role of GARP in compiling global data sets in connection with GARP experiments.

The group would also recommend procedures and formats for the full exchange of all data and analyses that comprise the data base for the present climate.

A meeting of 6 to 8 specialists will be organized in the United States within the next 12 months. Dr. Cort will organize the meeting.

E) Meeting of Experts on Quaternary Glaciation

This group would study the distributions and changes of ice and climatic zones in the USSR during the recent upper-quaternary glaciations. Prof. Imbrie would help organize the meeting which should be held in the USSR during 1975.

3.4. Long Duration Working Visits of Scientists

It is desirable to have scientists from each country visit the other country for periods of 6 to 12 months to work on problems connected with climatic variation.

3.4.1 The U.S. would like to issue invitations to Soviet scientists to visit the following U.S. institutions for 6 to 12 month period.

- (a) To come to the Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory of NOAA in Princeton, New Jersey: (1) to study climate sensitivity and stability; (2) to work on radiation effects of particulates; (3) and to study numerical integration methods.

- (b) To come to the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colorado to study adjoint methods of climatic perturbation and to study effects of sea ice on climate.
- (c) To come to the University of Washington in Seattle to study models of ice dynamics.
- (d) To come to Stanford University to study the analysis of variations of temperature and pressure fields in the upper and lower atmosphere during solar disturbances.

The USSR would like to issue invitations to U.S. scientists to visit the following USSR institutions for 6 to 12 months periods.

- (a) To come to the Computing Center of the Siberian Branch of the Academy of Sciences to study numerical modelling of climate.
- (b) To come to the Main Geophysical Observatory of the Hydrometeorological Service in Leningrad to work on problems of measuring minor constituents in the atmosphere.
- (c) To come to the Arctic and Antarctic Research Institute in Leningrad to work on problems of polar areas as they effect climate.
- (d) To come to the Hydrometeorological Center in Moscow to work on problems of climate prediction and documentation.

3.4.2. For the purpose of expediting the exchange of climatic data, a scientist from the USSR should visit the US National Climatic Center in Asheville, N.C. At this time lists of available climatic data and information will be exchanged on magnetic tape formats. The Soviet scientist will bring an example of a tape prepared in the USSR and will be supplied with an example of a tape prepared in the U.S. This visit would probably last one month and would be carried out during the next year.

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APPENDIX C

CARTOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS OF THE CHANGING TIME-SPACE PATTERNS IN THE HOLOCENE
POLLEN RECORD OF NORTHEASTERN NORTH AMERICA

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Fifty-two radiocarbon-dated cores from the northeastern U.S. and southern Canada provided the basis for mapping the distribution of selected pollen types at each 1,000-year interval during the Holocene. The sequence of these maps traces the development of the vegetation over the last 11,000 years. Three types of maps were constructed: isopollen maps, difference maps, and isochrone maps. Isopollen maps show the distribution of a pollen type at a given time and are contoured with lines of equal pollen frequency (isopolls). Difference maps are generated by subtracting successive isopollen maps and illustrate the areas of changing pollen frequencies over selected time intervals. The production of both of these map types converts a set of geographically disjunct time-series (the pollen diagrams) into synoptic regional patterns. Recognition of these patterns is crucial to deciphering the ecological and climatic significance of the pollen record. Isochrone maps show the "range limits" of specified pollen types at 1,000-year intervals and are useful in studying differential migration rates.

Analysis of the maps indicates that the major climatically-induced vegetational changes of the Holocene culminated by 8,000 YBP. Prior to that time, changes in pollen distribution were closely related to the position of the ice margin. By ca. 8,000 YBP, the modern configuration of vegetational formations was established with conifer-hardwood forests in the northern Great Lakes, deciduous forests to the south and prairie to the west. Changes in the position of the ecotones and in the composition of the pollen record were smaller in scale after ca. 8,000 YBP than before. Other features of the Holocene pollen record depicted by the maps are the rapid decline of spruce pollen, and westward extension of pine pollen (see figure) and the mid-Holocene prairie expansion and retreat.

Many lines of independent evidence reveal that the early Holocene was a period of rapid climatic change. Comparison of the behavior of different pollen types shows that spruce, pine and oak responded rapidly to these changes. The shifting distribution of these genera appears to be a useful monitor of the changing macroclimate. Certain other genera, however, such as chestnut, hickory and beech responded sluggishly, migrating northward and westward gradually over much of the Holocene. Ecological factors, other than climate, such as soil development, reproductive strategy and competitive interactions probably played a dominant role in controlling the distribution of these genera (see M. B. Davis, this volume).

The mapping of pollen data on a sub-continental scale emphasizes the broad geographic patterns in the vegetation which are indicative of macroclimate and changes in its state. Pollen maps also serve to summarize the pollen record in a graphic form that is readily comprehensible to a wide range of interested Quaternary scientists, outside palynology.

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PALYNOLOGICAL EVIDENCE OF ECOTONAL MIGRATIONS IN EASTERN NORTH AMERICA

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Pollen data monitor the vegetation through time and space. Comparison of maps of the modern pollen data with maps of the modern vegetation show the patterns of formations and forest types to be represented clearly within the pollen data (Webb, 1974, *Ecology*). Transitions (or ecotones) between forest types or formations are therefore evident upon the maps of modern pollen and are recorded by changes in the relative abundances of certain pollen types from one region to the next. The relative weightings of the ecological factors controlling the positions of the various ecotones is as yet unspecified. Study of the behavior of these ecotones through time, however, may help in defining the relative importance of the various ecological factors.

Bernabo *et al.* (see Abstract, this volume) have prepared maps showing the distribution of pollen types at selected times during the Holocene in eastern North America. The sequence of these maps from 11,000 YBP to present shows that ecotones change in character and position through time. On the modern maps of pollen distribution, the ecotone between deciduous forests and conifer-hardwood forests in the Midwest (which coincides with the "tension zone" there) is marked by the south to north change from the dominance of oak pollen to the dominance of pine pollen. This same change in pollen dominance can be used to trace the position of this ecotone in the past (see figure). Early in the Holocene, the position of this ecotone changes drastically, probably in direct response to the fast changing climatic patterns of that period. After 8,000 YBP, the position of this ecotone remains relatively stable but the composition of the pollen spectra continue changing on both sides of the boundary as new pollen types appear. This relative stability in the location of the ecotone is in direct contrast to the changing composition of the formations it separates, and this stability reflects a different weighting of ecological factors that control the ecotone's position from the weighting of the factors controlling community composition. Probably the former is mainly controlled by macroclimatic factors, e.g., air mass patterns, whereas the latter is controlled largely by edaphic, biological and small-scale climatic factors.



Isochrones of a pollen-defined ecotone in 10^3 years. Present position along 6-7 contour.

ON THE USE OF TREE RINGS, POLLEN AND MARINE PLANKTON IN RECONSTRUCTING PAST CLIMATES

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Large collections of tree ring, pollen and marine plankton data enable the study of eco-climatic interactions over wide geographic areas, and over long time spans. Multivariate statistical techniques like those used by Fritts (Abstract, this volume) provide a means for obtaining quantitative estimates of past climates from the biological data. When enough cores containing one type of these data are available in a region, a map depicting the estimated climate can be prepared for selected time-intervals within the age range of the cores and such paleoclimatic maps are now becoming available.

One remarkable feature of these three types of data is that they complement each other in their time resolution and their length of record. In the data sets suitable for mapping, the annually spaced tree rings give decade by decade summaries of the past 500 years; pollen data that are generally sampled in 200-year intervals give 1,000 year by 1,000 year summaries of the past 12,000 years; and marine plankton data sampled in ca. 3,000-year intervals give 10,000 year by 10,000 year summaries of the past 150,000 years.

Overlap between the three different data sets also occurs. For instance, pollen from annually laminated lake-sediments can have the time precision of tree rings, and tree ring sequences can be extended the length of Holocene pollen records. This overlap is important because 1) where two data sets occur in one locality, climatic estimates derived from one data set can be used to verify the estimates from another data set, and 2) where the two data sets occur in different localities, possible teleconnections in the climates of the two regions can be studied. An opportunity of the latter type exists given the mapped pollen records of eastern North America (Bernabo et al., Abstract, this volume) and the mapped foraminifera data of Ruddiman (Abstract, this volume) in the North Atlantic. These two data sets provide a basis for studying the interaction between climatic patterns over land and sea during the early Holocene.

In eastern North America between 10,000 and 9,000 B.P., the "late-glacial boreal forest" largely disappears and high values of pine pollen appear within 100 km of the Laurentide ice margin. This change indicates a steepening of the climatic gradient south of the ice margin and creates a meteorological situation conducive to strong westerly flow near the ice margin. This proposed circulation pattern supports the one hypothesized by Ruddiman to explain the distribution of sea-surface temperatures in the North Atlantic at 9,300 B.P.

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PALEOECOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CHANGING PATTERNS IN
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Maps showing the distribution of pollen from the major tree
genera and herbs, for each 1,000 yr. interval during the
Holocene, were constructed using 52 radiocarbon-dated
cores. The production of such maps converts a set of geo-
graphically disjunct time series (the pollen diagrams) into
synoptic regional patterns. Examining the dynamics of
these patterns is crucial to interpreting the climatic and
ecological significance of the pollen record. Analysis of
the maps indicates that the major climatically-induced veg-
etational displacements of the Holocene occurred before
8,000 YBP. Prior to that time, changes in pollen distribu-
tion were closely related to the position of the shifting
ice margin. By 8,000 YBP the modern configuration of vege-
tational regions was established with mixed conifer-hard-
wood forests in the northern Great Lakes, deciduous forests
to the south and prairie to the west. Changes after 8,000
YBP were smaller in scale and altered the areal extent not
the gross configuration of the vegetational regions. Com-
parison of the behavior of different genera reveals that
spruce, pine and oak responded rapidly to changing environ-
mental conditions and are useful paleoclimatic indicators.
However, hickory, hemlock, beech and chestnut gradually
migrated northward during much of the Holocene. The slower
climatic responses of these genera makes their paleoenvir-
onmental message unclear.

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Direct correlation of marine and
terrestrial paleoclimates: palynological
and foraminiferal evidence from two marine
cores off Cape Hatteras.

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The relationship between oceanic and continental paleoclimates is unclear; adequate data on air/sea interaction being available only for the past several hundred years. Fine scale correlation of marine and terrestrial paleoclimatic data is limited by the often brief and abrupt nature of climatic change and by errors associated with age-dating techniques. In order to overcome these correlation problems, we analyzed marine and terrestrial climatic indicators from identical samples in C^{14} dated marine cores thereby obtaining a direct correlation of climatic events.

Both pollen and planktonic foraminifera were analyzed from cores V24-1 and V26-176 taken from the continental rise off the mouth of Chesapeake Bay (Figure 1). The sediment in these cores is an olive-gray lutite with coarse fraction (weight greater than 63 microns) rarely exceeding 10 percent. The carbonate content of the cores fluctuates from 4 to 32 percent with higher values being characteristic of the last 8000 years (Figure 2). In these cores C^{14} dates were used in conjunction with carbonate minima and maxima and floral datum planes to establish a down-core chronology and correlation between cores.

Pollen concentration varied from 800 to 12,000 grains/gram thereby permitting identification of a significant number of pollen grains in each sample. Pollen diagrams from these marine

cores exhibit the following features (Figures 3 and 4). Boreal vegetation was replaced by thermophilous forest elements about 10,000 YBP, the late glacial/Holocene boundary. Glacial (before 10,000 YBP) pollen assemblages are characterized by pine, spruce, fir, and herbs, which in the Early Holocene are supplanted by a pine-oak assemblage in which hemlock is briefly abundant. Pollen from deciduous trees continues to increase in abundance until 3500 YBP when oak declines and pine re-expands. Comparison of these marine pollen diagrams to pollen diagrams from the Chesapeake drainage basin demonstrates that pollen assemblages from these marine cores accurately reflect the timing of vegetation changes on land.

Planktonic foraminifera were analyzed using transfer function F13 to obtain down-core estimates of paleo-oceanographic parameters. In addition, because these cores are located in waters influenced by the Gulf Stream, certain species of planktonic foraminifera were used as Gulf Stream indicators. In particular, 10 percent or greater abundance of Globogernoides sacculifer appears to be restricted to the average position of the warmest part of the Gulf Stream. Down core estimates of winter temperature indicates that the maximum temperature in this area was reached about 8000 YBP (Figure 5). Furthermore, the increased abundance of G. sacculifer suggests that this temperature maxi-

mum is associated with the movement of the Gulf Stream. From 8000 YBP to the present, both cores exhibit generally decreasing surface temperatures (Figure 5) related to the increased importance of the subpolar fauna (Figure 6). Today the dominant faunal assemblage at the site of both cores is subpolar (Figure 7). However, V26-176 is very close to the boundary between the subpolar and tropical/gyre margin assemblage. Before 8000 YBP, the two cores show a diachronous pattern of estimated winter temperature changes related to the complex interaction of the subpolar and tropical fauna (Figure 6).

Comparison of foraminifera-derived temperature estimates and pollen fluctuations in these cores suggests that in the area studied, terrestrial climatic events lag somewhat behind changes in the ocean (Figure 8). However, terrestrial changes appear to be more closely related to variations in slope water temperature than to Gulf Stream migrations.

Figure Captions

Figure 1. Sketch map showing location of cores and study area.

The locations and depths of the cores are as follows:

V24-1, 36°30'N lat., 73°30'W long., 3012 m.; V26-176, 36°03'N lat., 72°23'W long., 3542 m.

Figure 2. Down core variations in calcium carbonate and correlation points indicated by C (carbonate correlation), D (radiocarbon date), and F (floral datum). The correlation points are as follows: C₁, carbonate maxima C¹⁴-dated at about 8000 YBP in both cores; C₂, carbonate minima co-occurring with F₂; C₃, first carbonate maxima below C₂; D₁, 8050 ± 250 C¹⁴ YBP; D₂, 12,400 ± 350 C¹⁴ YBP; D₃, 3830 ± 140 C¹⁴ YBP; D₄, 8180 ± 200 C¹⁴ YBP; F₁, floral datum 1; F₂, floral datum 2; F₃, floral datum 3 (floral datum planes identified on Figures 3 and 4). Letter with identical subscripts are judged to be the same age and are used to establish time planes between the cores.

Figure 3. Pollen diagram from core V24-1 showing relative frequency of selected pollen taxa. Note that the percent scale for pollen taxa changes; Pinus, Quercus, and Picea are at one scale and the remaining taxa at another.

Figure 4. Pollen diagram from core V26-176 showing relative frequency of selected pollen taxa. Variations in percent scale are the same as for Figure 3.

Figure 5. Down core estimates of winter sea-surface temperature (TW) and percent abundance Globogerinoides sacculifer.

Figure 6. Down core variations in selected planktonic foraminiferal assemblages. Factor loading value indicates the relative importance of each assemblage in a sample.

Figure 7. Present distribution of dominant assemblages off Cape Hatteras, North Carolina.

Figure 8. Direct correlation of land/sea climatic changes.

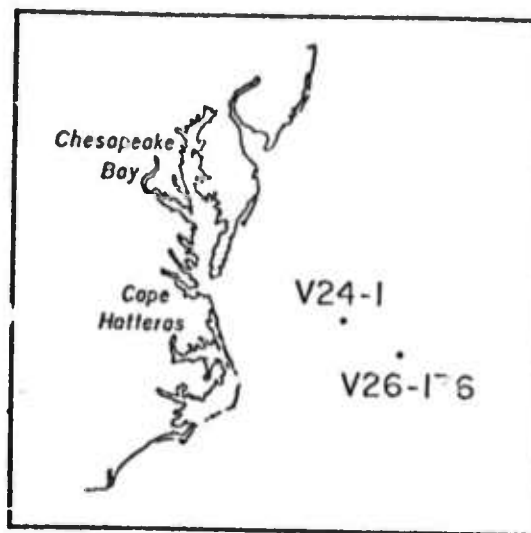


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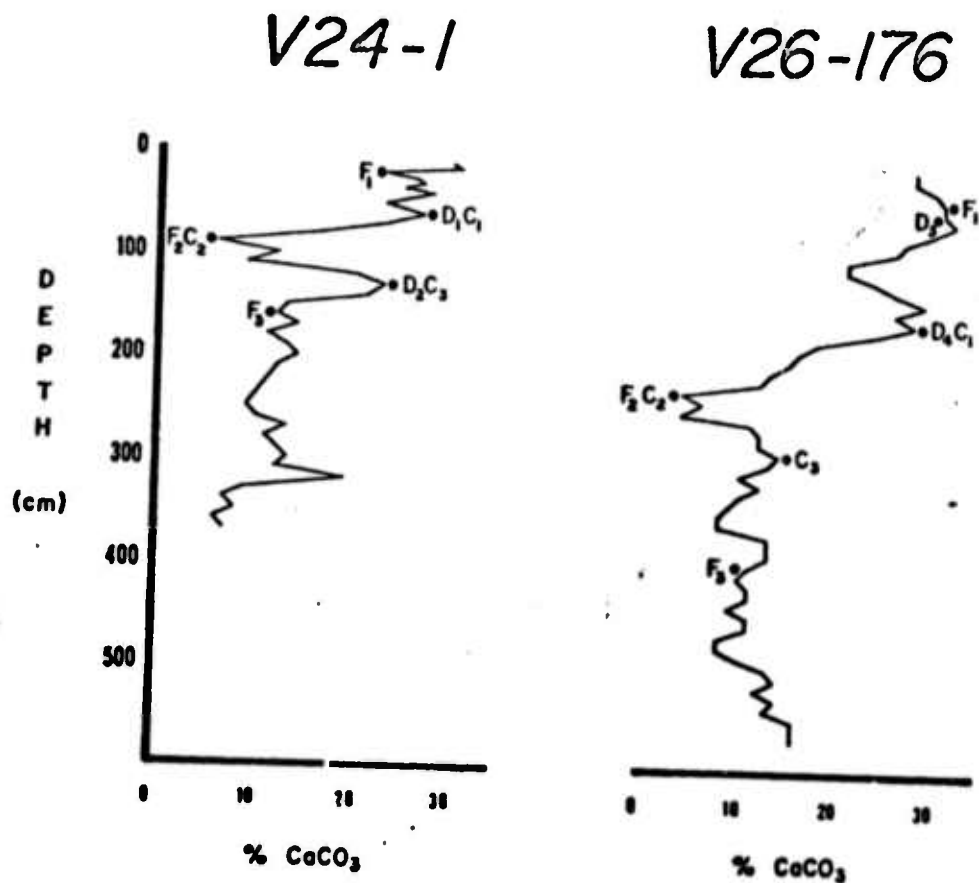


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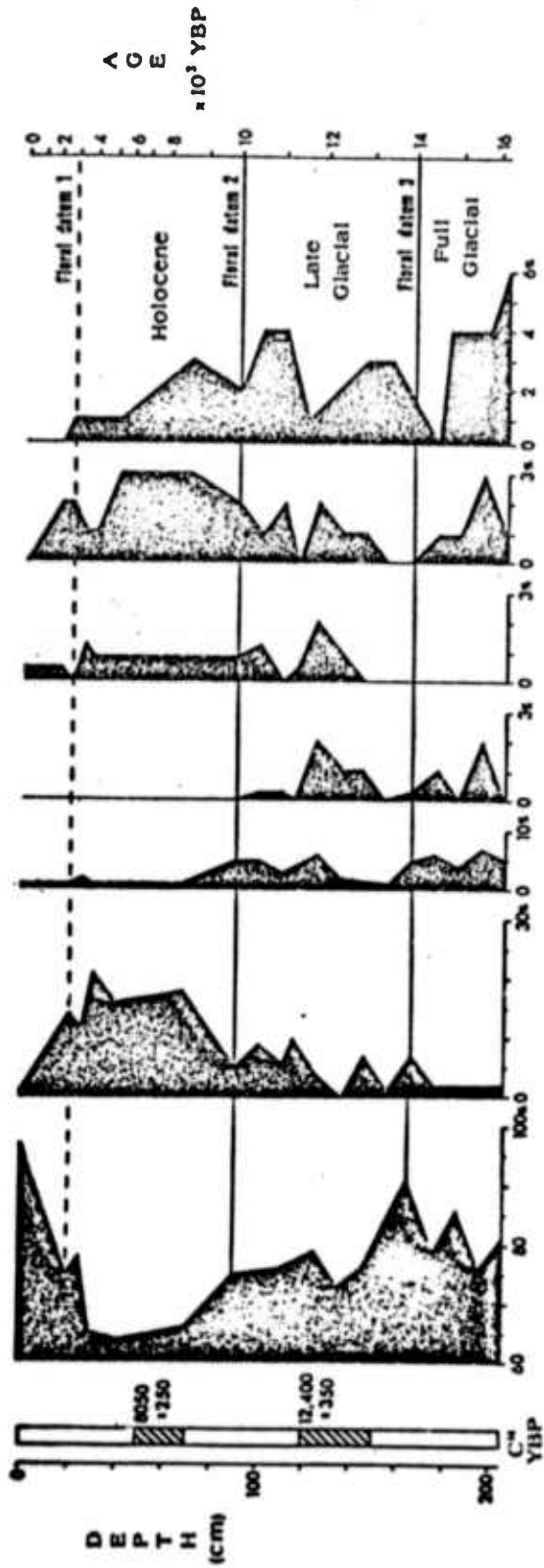
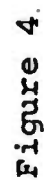


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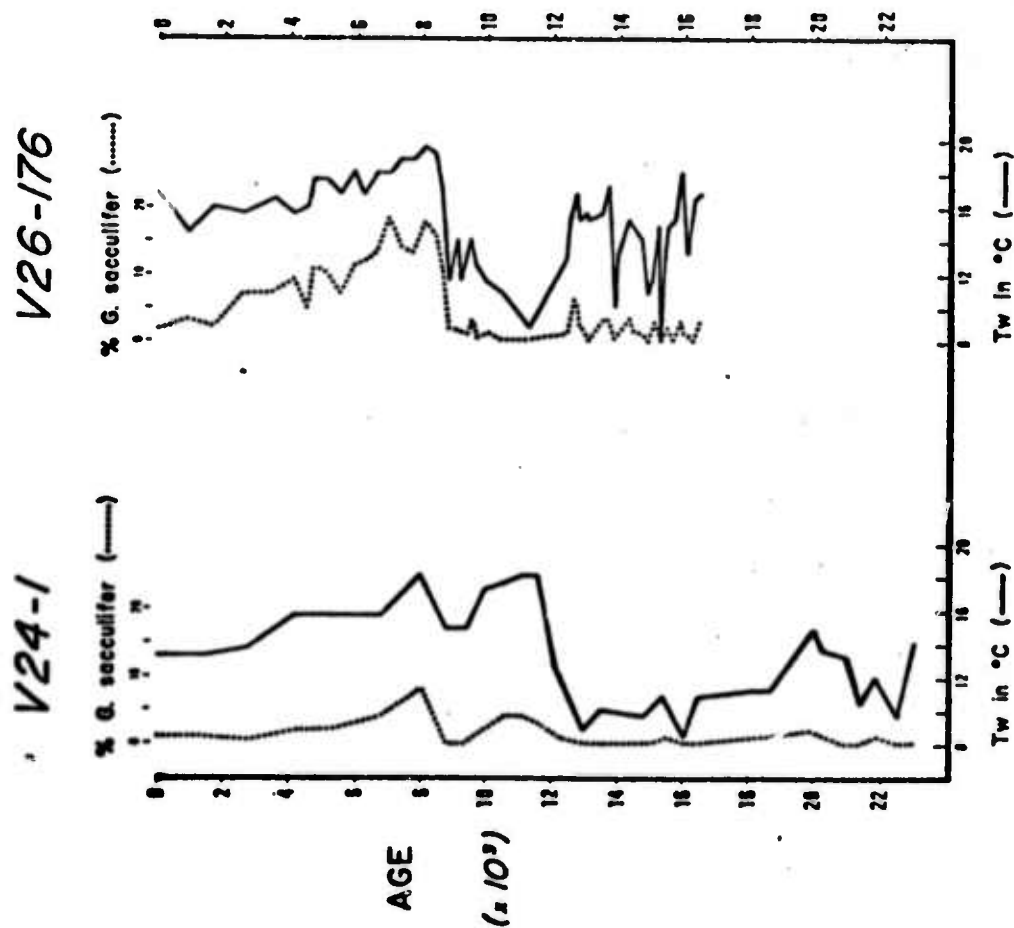


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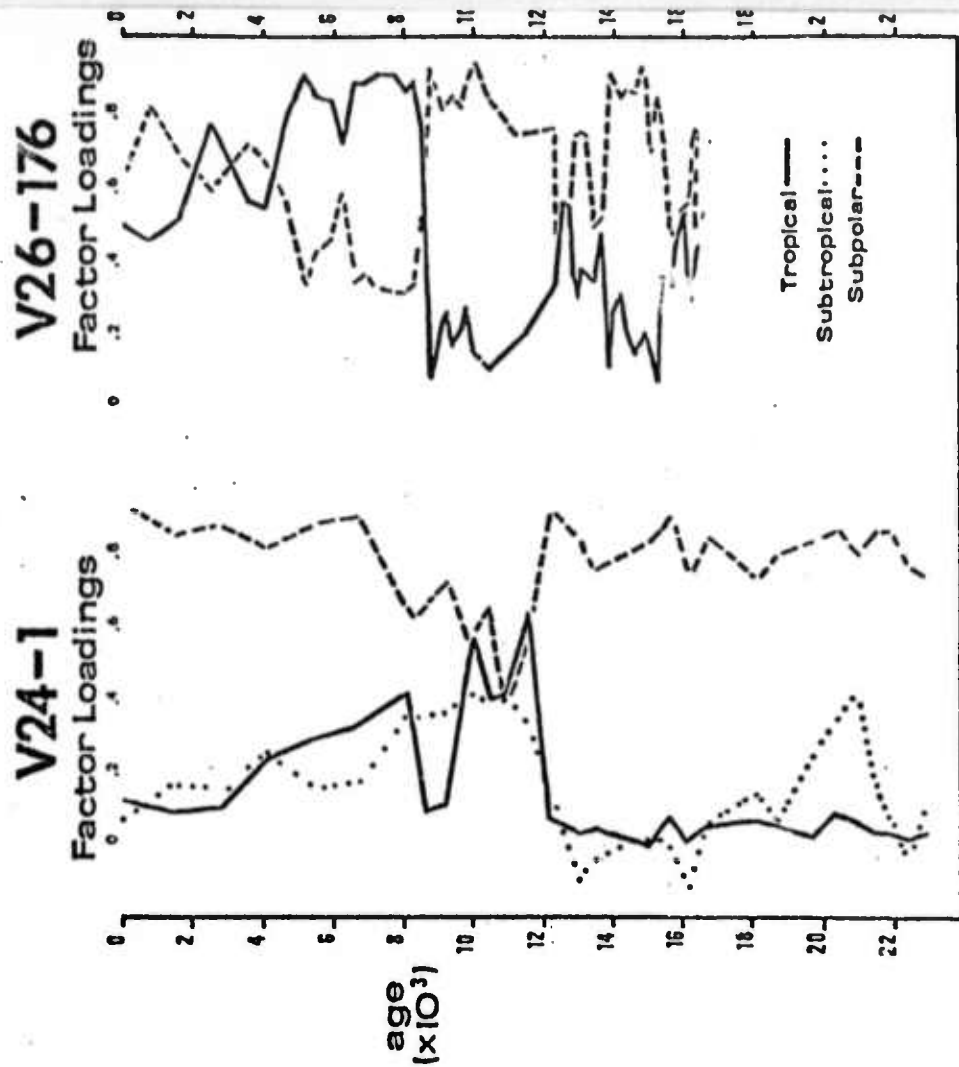
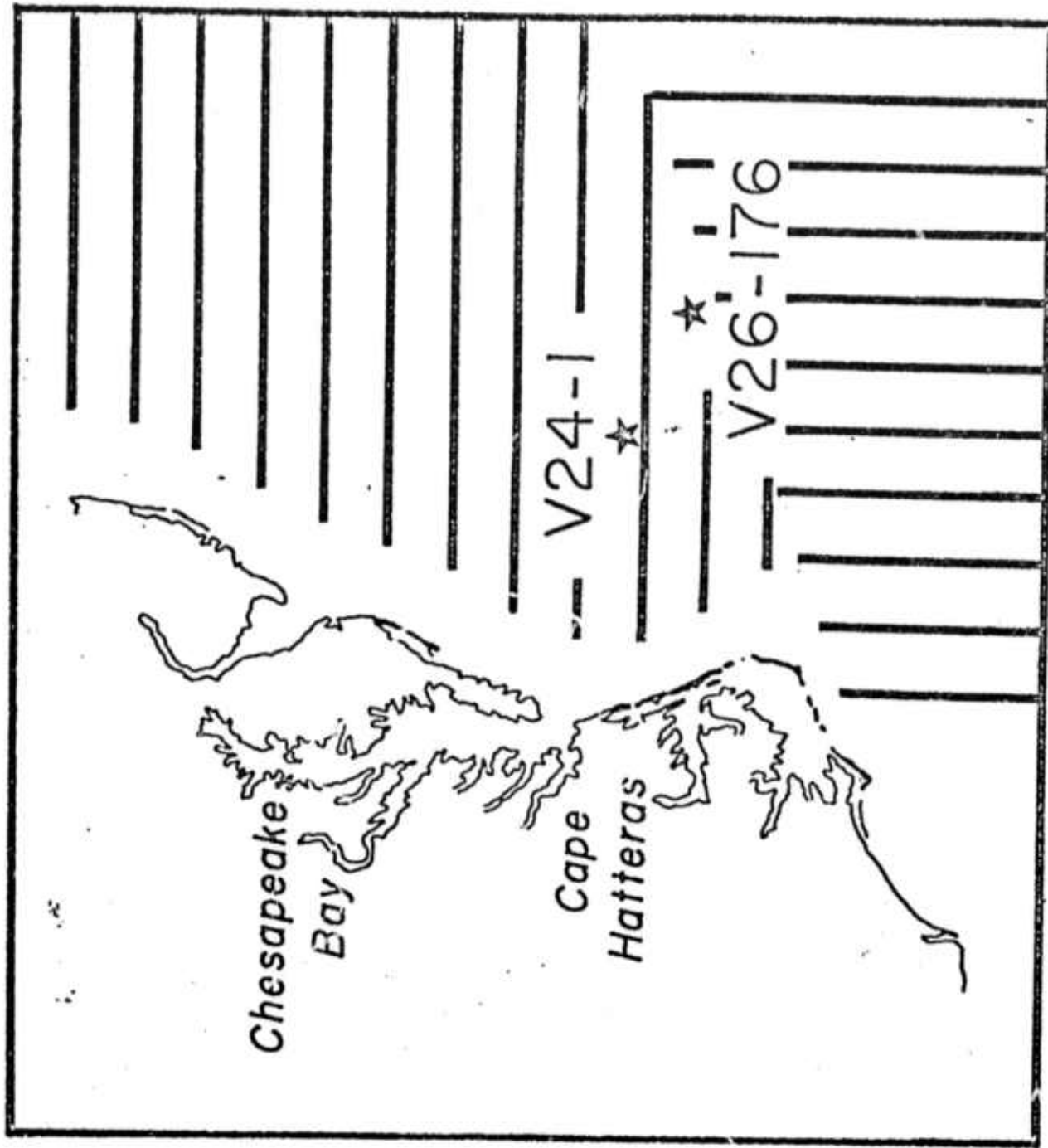
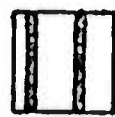


Figure 6



DOMINANT ASSEMBLAGE



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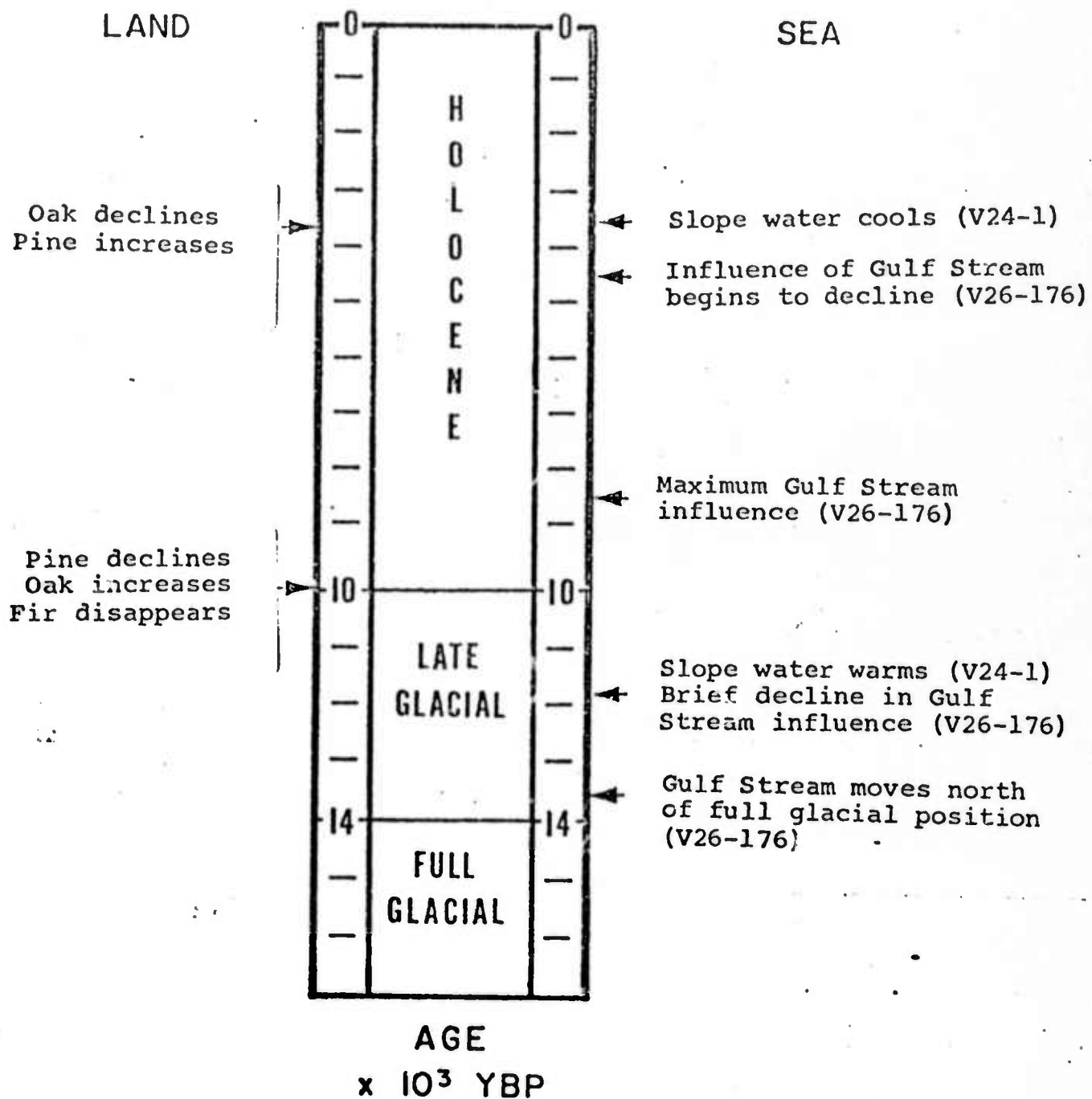


Tropical and
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Figure 8

CHANGES IN CLIMATIC REGIME
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APPENDIX E

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Calibrating micropaleontological data in climatic terms:
a brief review

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ABSTRACT

Transfer functions are empirical equations for making quantitative estimates of past atmospheric and oceanic conditions from paleontologic data. They are calibrated on a set of geographically-distributed observations which record both the modern climate and the biotic response to climate as reflected in paleontological samples. The technique has been used on tree rings and pollen as well as on planktonic microfossils (including foraminifera, coccoliths, and radiolaria). Down-core applications in deep-sea Quaternary sediments yield time series reflecting local changes in seasonal temperatures and salinity. When applied to samples from a chronostratigraphic horizon, transfer functions yield synoptic charts of past climates. In this form paleontological data are readily interpretable by meteorologists and physical oceanographers, and can be entered as boundary conditions into numerical models of climate.

INTRODUCTION

Since the early years of the last century, when Esmark and Agassiz made their astonishing discovery of ancient ice ages, the story of past climates has been elaborated in considerable detail. This story has been documented from a wide variety of sources, ranging from moraines which fix the position of ancient ice bodies to studies of fossil pollen and plankton which provide panoramas of past continents and oceans. Yet these findings remain unexplained in terms of verified theories of climatic change. Why?

Several basic reasons may be cited, not least among them the extraordinarily complex structure of the climate system. The heart of the problem, however, is the difficulty of achieving an effective interplay between climatic theory and paleoclimatic data. This difficulty results from a mismatch in the time-space structure of the observational and theoretical realms. Where dynamic theory is strong -- i.e., in its ability to explain synoptic patterns of climate in terms of atmospheric and oceanic circulation -- the corresponding sets of paleoclimatic data on spatial patterns of climate are sparse. And where kinetic theory is weak -- i.e., in its ability to analyze climatic change -- we have an abundance of geologic time series documenting climatic change. This mismatch is now being overcome,

firstly by translating geological observations into quantitative estimates of those climatic variables which physical theories use and predict; and secondly, by producing synoptic maps of the paleoclimatic estimates in areas where samples are densely arrayed and adequately dated.

Transfer-function techniques, which are the subject of this paper, are playing a major role in this task. These techniques use multivariate statistical procedures to extract quantitative estimates of air and sea-surface properties from the fossil records. If the stratigraphic coverage permits, these quantitative estimates can be mapped for selected time intervals during the Quaternary (Fritts et al., 1971; McIntyre et al., 1975). In this form the data can then be used either as boundary condition for running mathematical models of the global circulation; or as a basis for verifying the results of such models. Although still in their infancy, these powerful models are the main focus of a growing scientific effort to understand past, present, and future climates.

This paper summarizes some of the proceedings of a conference on transfer functions held at the University of Wisconsin, U.S.A., April 3-5, 1974, and funded by special grants from the ARPA Climate Dynamics Program and the National Science Foundation's International Decade of Ocean

Exploration. The initiative for the Wisconsin conference stemmed from a 1973 Report of SCOR Working Group 40, which recommended a conference that would review the various models, analyze their compatibility, assess their strengths and weaknesses, evaluate the need for further methodological work, and produce reports to promote wider use and understanding of these techniques.

The objective of this paper is to make available to the community of scientists studying the oceanic micropaleontological record an overview of the subject of transfer functions. We give references to previous work; describe briefly the model used in deriving transfer functions from micropaleontologic data; and outline an algebraically homogeneous set of methods which have been used to apply to the model. In another paper (Webb et al., in preparation) we flesh out the algebraic details of these methods, present the results of a series of algebraic experiments designed to explore their properties and make specific recommendations for research to solve some basic problems.

PREVIOUS WORK

Transfer function techniques were first applied to marine plankton data by Imbrie and Kipp (1971), to terrestrial pollen data by Webb and Bryson (1972), and to tree ring data by Fritts et al., (1971). Recent applications

and improvements of these techniques of special interest to marine micropaleontologists appear in articles by Gardner and Hays (1975), Hecht and Kipp (1974), Imbrie et al., (1973), Kipp (1975), Lozano and Hays, (1975), McIntyre et. al., (1975), Prell et al., (1975), Sachs (1973), and Sancetta et al., (1973).

THE BASIC MODEL

Definitions

Let the matrix X be a defined set of biological response properties, e.g., relative abundances of organisms measured over a defined realm of space and time $(x,y;t)$. Let C be a set of physical variables of climate, either marine or atmospheric, measured over the same time-space realm and assumed to be causally related to X . Examples include seasonal sea-surface and air temperatures and seasonal values of precipitation and salinity. Let D be a set of other physical variables of the system which together with C completely determine X . D often includes such difficult-to-measure factors as nutrient-availability, soil-texture, dissolution, and anthropogenic disturbance. Thus the model is completely deterministic, in the sense that the observations in X are explained as responses to the ambient field of physical variables. No allowance is made for the operation of random factors, or of historical influences (relict biotas, migration patterns, etc.).

Then, if $D = 0$ or is constant, the system consists of X , C , and a set of ecological response functions R_e :

$$(1) \quad X = R_e (C).$$

If D is nonconstant, we must consider the total response function R_t :

$$(2) \quad X = R_t (C:D).$$

A fundamental problem of paleoclimatology is to find a set of transfer functions \emptyset such that C can be estimated given X , as follows:

$$(3) \quad C = \emptyset (X)$$

In practice \emptyset is obtained by direct empirical methods and not by inversion of R_e or R_t . Although such inversion procedures would have many theoretical advantages, and should be explored further, research to date has uncovered many practical problems.

The class of empirical solutions to equation (3) that will be discussed here take the form

$$(4) \quad C = XB$$

in which B is a matrix of empirical calibration functions. Thus B represents one subclass of \emptyset , and relates to a monitoring system with domain X and range C . The X and C used to derive the calibration functions B are the calibration data-set (X_m, C_m) . The X to which the calibration functions are applied is the application data set (X_f) . X_m is a spa-

tial array of observation points over the modern land surface or seabed; X_f is a temporal array of fossil data, e.g. micropaleontological data from a core.

As defined in Imbrie et al., (1973, p. 11), equations that relate biological indices to various properties of the ocean or atmosphere "may be termed transfer functions in the sense that they are a means of processing one time-varying signal (or set of signals) in a core, to yield another signal consisting of paleotemperature estimates." All of the paleontological transfer functions written to date either are, or can be reduced to, simple linear transformations symbolized as B in equation (4). To emphasize this fact, and to encourage the application of more sophisticated procedures, we have chosen to define B as a set of calibration functions and to consider B as a subset of transfer functions (\emptyset).

If it were possible to derive \emptyset deductively from a process-oriented model based on ecological first principles, the predictive power of this model would be free of many of the problems encountered in its use (see Webb et al., in prep.). Given the current state of ecological theory, however, the empirical approach represents the only practical solution to equation 3, and we are, therefore, stuck with its limitations and have no choice but to con-

front the problems arising from its application.

Major Assumptions

When \emptyset is applied to data on fossils several assumptions must be made, as outlined in Imbrie and Kipp (1971, p. 79) and in Webb and Bryson (1972, p. 74). The four most important are:

1) That the ecosystem under study has not changed significantly during the interval represented by the application data set X_f . Specifically, the assumption is made that the species recorded in X_m are essentially the same biological entities as those in X_f , and that they have not changed significantly their ecological responses to individual physical properties of the environment. This assumption is a highly restricted form of the principle that the present is the key to the past and requires that contemporary spatial patterns can be used to interpret changes through time.

2) That the biota represented by X are systematically related to the physical attributes of the medium in which they dwell.

3) That the variables recorded in C are, or are linearly related to, ecologically significant aspects of the ocean or the atmosphere.

4) That mathematical equations representing linear

combinations of biological taxa can reflect the biotic responses to physical changes adequately enough to yield accurate calibration functions.

ALGEBRAIC METHODS

Several multivariate methods can be used in the calculation of the calibration functions. These techniques include multiple regression, stepwise multiple regression, principal components analysis plus multiple regression (Imbrie and Kipp, 1971), canonical correlation analysis (Webb and Bryson, 1972), and distance coefficients plus regression (Hecht, 1973). These techniques are described and their results are compared in Webb et al. (in prep.) and in Hecht and Kipp (1974).

APPLICATIONS

Transfer functions were first applied to planktonic foraminifera in a deep-sea Caribbean core (Imbrie and Kipp, 1971). Since then the technique has been used on a number of planktonic taxa in Quaternary cores raised from the floors of many oceans. Down-core applications include studies of radiolaria from the North Pacific (Sachs, 1973a and 1973b), Eastern Pacific (Moore, 1973), and Antarctic (Hays et al., 1975; Lozano and Hays, 1975); studies of planktonic foraminifera from the Norwegian Sea (Kellogg, 1975), North Atlantic (Sancetta et al., 1973), and Caribbean (Prell and Hays, 1975; Prell et al., 1975), Equatorial Atlantic (Gardner and Hays, 1975), Gulf of Mexico (Brunner and Cooley, 1975), and Pacific (Luz, 1973); and studies of coccoliths from the North Atlantic (Roche et al., 1975), and Pacific (Geitzenauer et al., 1975). In addition, work in progress by N. Maynard, L. Burckle, C. Sancetta, and H. Schrader prove that Quaternary diatoms can be interpreted by transfer function techniques.

Most of the studies just cited give transfer functions for estimating three different physical properties of the surface water: summer temperature, winter temperature, and salinity. Although these properties are highly

correlated within modern ocean basins, downcore results show considerable independence. Whereas thermal and salinity estimates show a high positive correlation at mid- and high-latitude sites in the North Atlantic during the past 130,000 years (Figure 1), a negative correlation exists between surface-water temperatures and salinities estimated at many low latitude sites (Figure 2). The positive correlation in the higher latitudes is attributed to changes in circulation pattern (McIntyre et al., 1972): cold, low-salinity water penetrates southward during glacial phases and replaces warm, higher-salinity water. The decrease in salinity associated with this southward penetration of polar waters apparently exceeds the increase that, for the average ocean, must result from the growth of ice sheets. The negative correlation between temperature and salinity estimates observed at many low-latitude sites (Figure 2) must be due to some combination of two effects which would act in the direction of increasing salinity during a glacial phase: the global build-up of continental ice, and local increases in the evaporation-precipitation ratio (Prell et al., 1975).

How accurate are paleoclimatic estimates derived from transfer functions? The first step in answering this

fundamental question is to evaluate how transfer functions perform on various sets of data reflecting modern conditions. After calculating the standard error of estimate in the calibration data set (Figure 3), the performance of the transfer function can be tested on modern samples representing different geographic areas. Kipp (1975), for example, has carried out such a test for a transfer function calibrated on a North Atlantic data set. When applied to 60 samples from the South Atlantic sea bed, the estimates are accurate within the previously calculated confidence interval. Although such a result does not in itself validate down-core estimates, it does encourage belief in estimates derived from late-Quaternary Atlantic sediments.

The second step in verifying down-core estimates is to screen out any sample whose taxonomic composition or dissolution level lies outside the range represented in the calibration data set. Such samples represent conditions for which no modern analog is known.

The third step in the procedure for verifying down-core estimates is the comparison of the results of any transfer function with independent paleoclimatic estimates. Concordant estimates encourage belief; discordant estimates

discourage belief, but may raise important questions for further research.

One class of independent estimates results from the application of transfer functions to different biotic groups. Another class of independent estimates is based on isotopic methods. Although applications of the oxygen-isotope paleotemperature method must now take into account the discovery by Shackleton and Opdyke (1973) that the water-composition effect dominates the thermal effect, these authors outline an alternate procedure for obtaining temperature estimates. When this alternative procedure was applied to one Caribbean core (Shackleton and Opdyke, 1973), the result was concordant with the previous estimate made by transfer function methods (Imbrie et al., 1973). Clearly, much more work of this kind remains to be done.

After completing the testing of the estimates just described, the transfer function techniques can be used in constructing paleoclimatic maps. In this form paleoenvironmental data are readily interpretable by meteorologists and physical oceanographers, and as discussed above can be entered as boundary conditions into

numerical models of climate. One goal of the International Decade of Ocean Exploration's CLIMAP Project is to prepare temperature and salinity charts for past oceans and arrange for their analysis by numerical models. An example of such a map is given in Figure 4, where the sea-surface temperature for the North Atlantic Ocean during an ice-age summer is reconstructed.

Perhaps the most important feature of this ice-age reconstruction is the demonstration of a structured, synoptic pattern of climatic change. Portions of the subtropical gyre, for example, were actually slightly warmer during the glacial phase than they are today. Elsewhere the anomaly is negative; but while the Caribbean cools only 1°C to 2°C , the temperature change in many higher latitudes reaches and in some places exceeds 10°C . By themselves, however, neither the small changes in the low latitudes nor the large changes in mid-latitudes provide an adequate record of the climatic change. Any dynamic explanation of the change in the North Atlantic must address the entire synoptic pattern. It is here that transfer functions can make their greatest contribution to the study of paleoclimates: normalizing to a common temperature scale paleoenvironmental inferences based on different groups of fossils.

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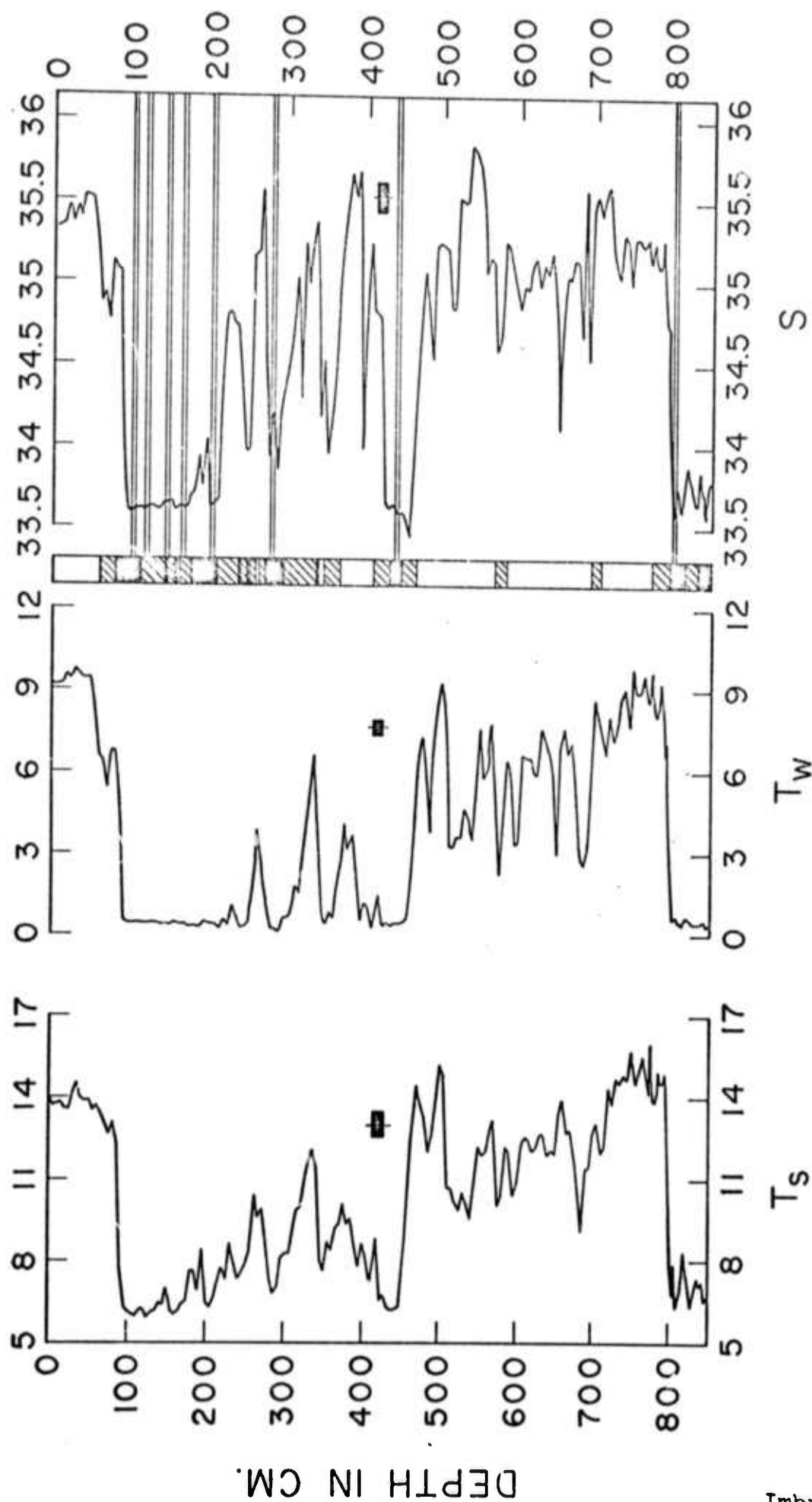
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Figure 2. Plots of foraminiferal index T_w , $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ in ‰, and foraminiferal index S versus depth for Caribbean core V12-122. The foraminiferal indices are defined by a set of transfer functions F3 and scaled to be unbiased estimates of winter surface water temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) and average surface salinity (‰), respectively. The faunal index curves are plots of a running mean of three samples. Letters T through Z designate Ericson zones defined on the basis of presence or absence of G. menardii. Letters A through G designate a correlation with the climatic cycles of Kukla (1970) defined from the soil sequence of Central Europe. From Imbrie et al. (1973) Figure 3, with modifications.

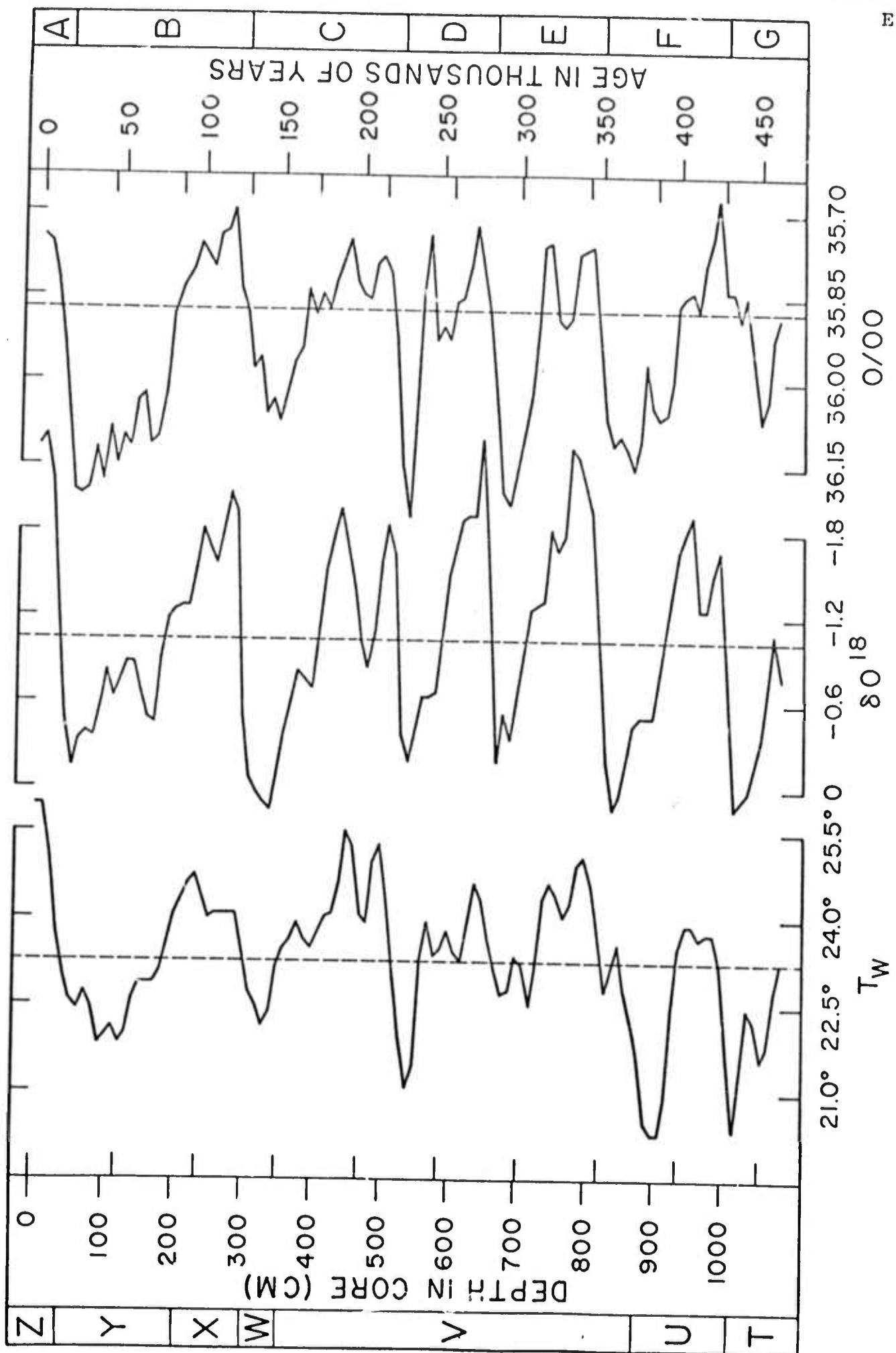
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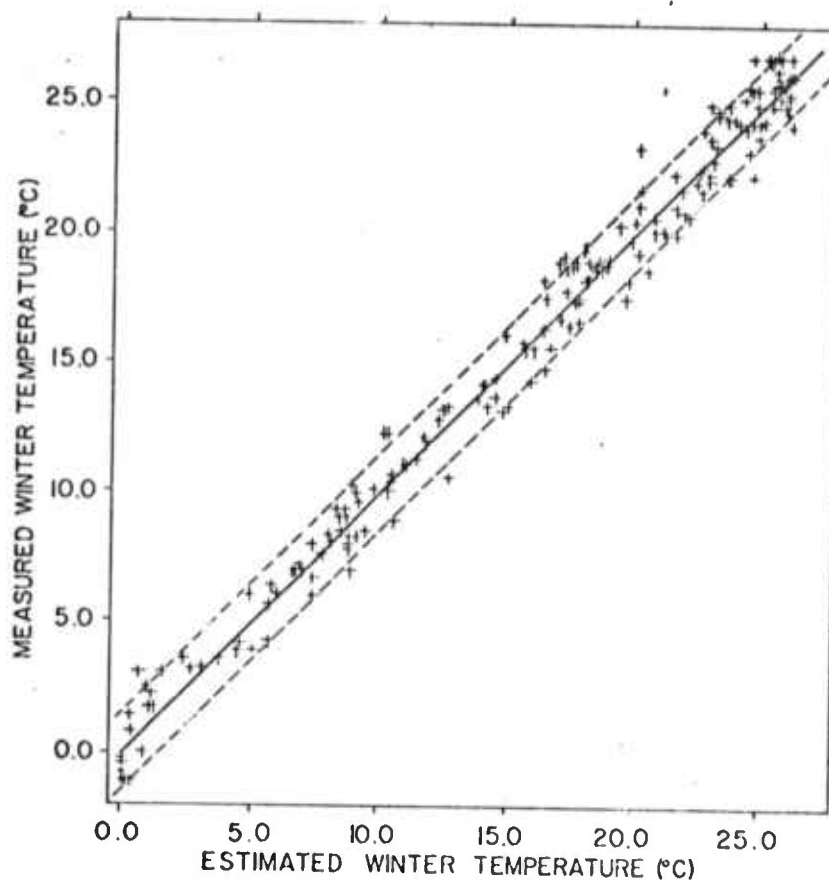
F13 for 191 North Atlantic sea-bed samples of planktonic foraminifera. (a) Scatter diagram with 80% confidence intervals indicated by dashed lines. (b) Geographic distribution of the residuals. $|\Delta|$ is the absolute value of the difference between observed and estimated temperatures. The standard error is 1.165°C . The mean deviation is indicated for areas with more than two points in which more than half of the residuals are of the same sign. From Kipp (1975), Figure 28.

Figure 4. Sea-surface temperatures in the North Atlantic Ocean. (a) Summer temperatures today in $^{\circ}\text{C}$. (b) Summer temperatures 18,000 years ago in $^{\circ}\text{C}$, as estimated by foraminiferal and coccolith transfer functions. Solid contours are controlled by micropaleontological data in about 100 cores. Sea-ice margin identified from paleontologic and sedimentologic characteristics. Note that this reconstruction shows substantial cooling in northern waters, with little or no change in the subtropics. From McIntyre et al. (1975).

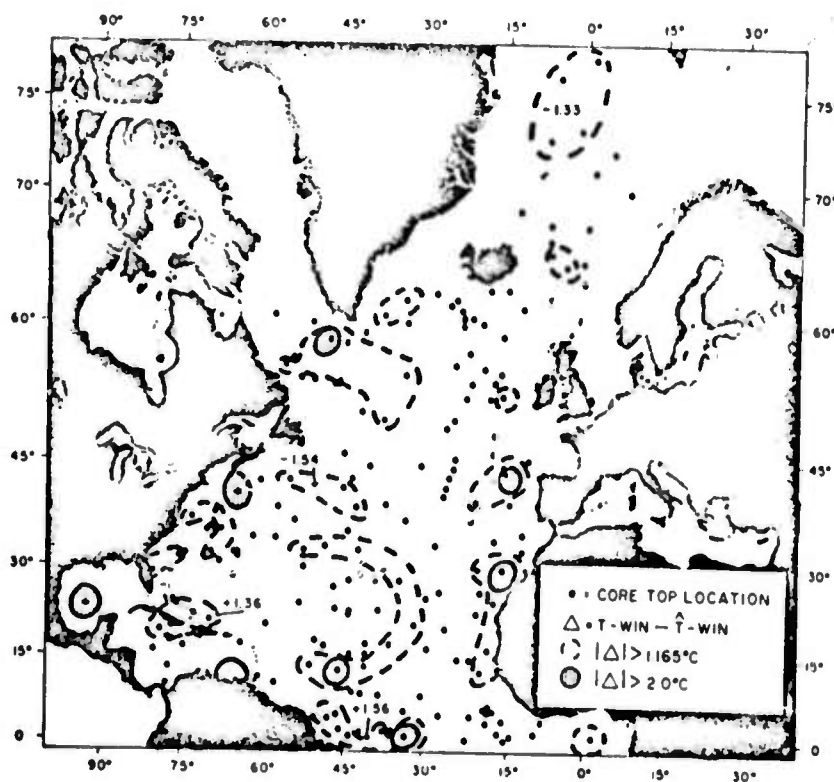


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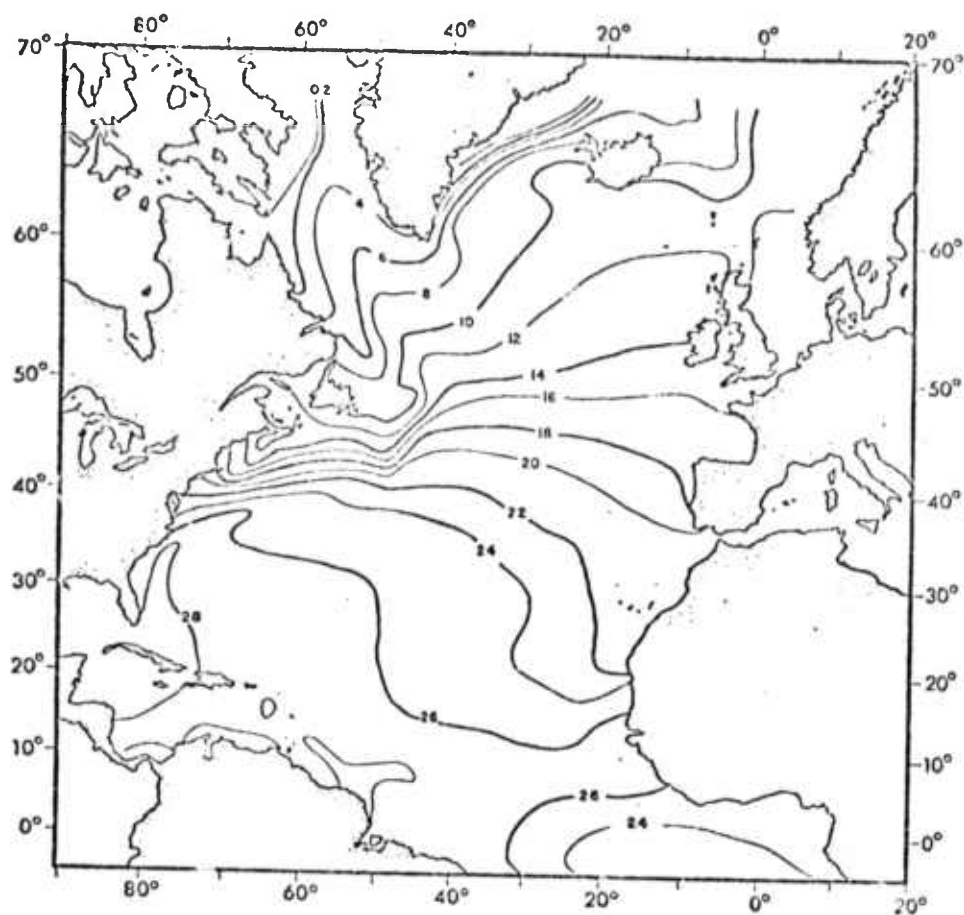

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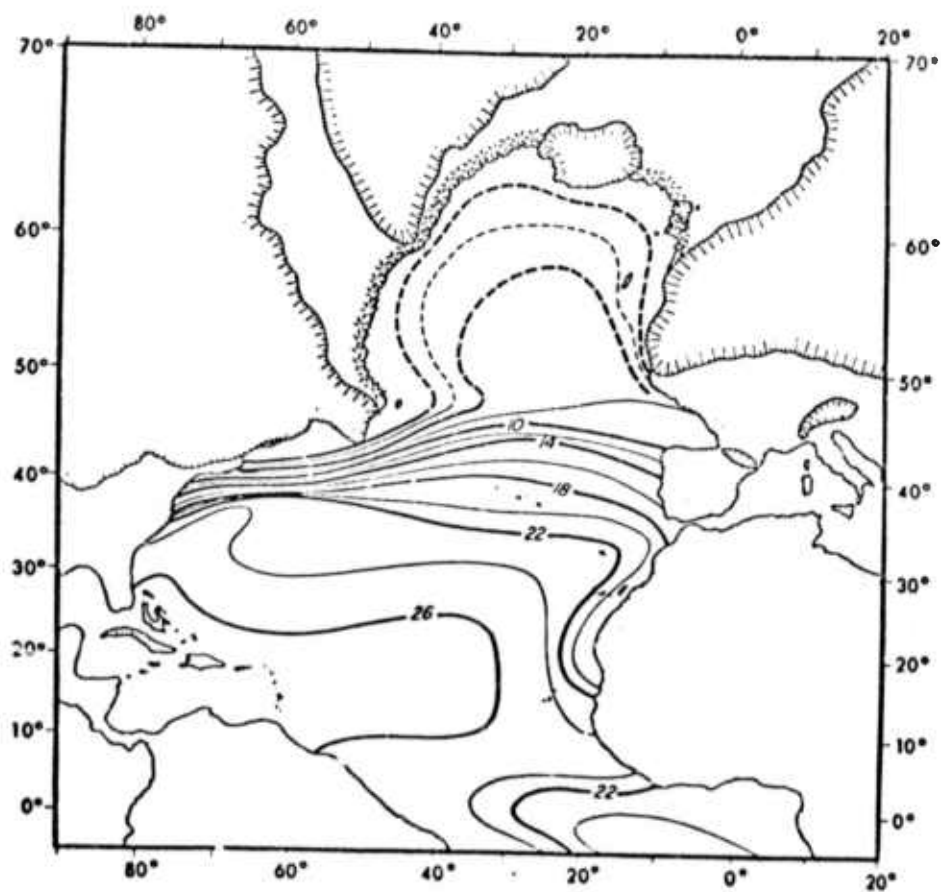
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